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- 11. (C) SUMMARY: Political instability in Paraguay, an improving Chilean relationship with Bolivia, cooperation with Ecuador, and normal bila
- 12. (U) WHA Deputy Assistant Secretary Christopher McMullen and Ambassador Simons, accompanied by EPol Chief and Poloff, met with Acting Forei Chile's Regional View: Paraguay, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru
- 13. (C) DAS McMullen thanked Chile for its work in promoting moderation in the region, and noted that the U.S. was closely following events in
- 14. (C) The U.S. remains concerned about the situation in Bolivia, particularly given that the Mexican Sinaloa and Colombian drug cartels are
- 15. (C) Chilean-Peruvian relations are ""absolutely normal"" though not at the same level as last year, Van Klaveren said. (Note: In the last U.S.-Chile Relations: Strong, and Looking to Grow
- 16. (C) Van Klaveren highlighted the Chile-California partnership and energy collaboration as the two new themes in the strong U.S.-Chile rela
- 17. (C) In terms of expanding the U.S.-Chile relationship further, Van Klaveren suggested that it might be useful to have another bilateral p
- 18. (C) Chile is eager to make firm plans for President Bachelet to travel to Washington, Van Klaveren said. (Note: The Chileans appear to ha

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19. (SBU) DAS McMullen emphasized that the U.S. is looking forward to the Summit of the Americas in April, and highlighted Ambassador Hector N UNASUR: Secretary General and the Ecuador-Colombia Conflict

10. (C) Turning to UNASUR, Van Klaveren said that negotiations about a Secretary General for the organization were still at an impasse. Uruç 11. (C) The U.S. appreciates Chile's leadership in UNASUR, DAS McMullen observed, particularly in convening a summit of regional heads of sta

Comment

112. (C) DAS McMullen and Acting FM Van Klaveren's broadly-themed meeting reflects the many areas of cooperation and shared vision that are the arises.
SIMONS